

Nov. 18, 1944.

Mr. K. E. Warner,  
Managing Editor,  
American Radio Relay League,  
West Hartford, Conn.

Dear Mr. Warner,

I was instructed to write to Headquarters to inform you of our 25th anniversary of affiliation with the A. R. R. L. which will take place on December 5, 1944, and that January 1945 will be the 28th year of the club's existence. We claim to be the oldest continuously existent radio amateurs' club in the world. We have met and still meet every Thursday night in the same building, the Milwaukee Public Library and Museum, that we started out in. In fact even the room was the same until a few months ago when we were shifted, due to expansion of the Museum, from the Trustees' Room to the Conference Room. Please see our prospectus which is enclosed. Some of our present active members were among the founders of the club. Mr. Clarence Crapo, W9VD, for example, marked the 25th year of his membership in the ARRL this past September and is one of our founders.

The MRAC is and always has been a very active radio club. We took great pride in the lectures, that we had before the war, by prominent technical radio men. Our annual QSO parties, of which we had sixteen up to and including 1939, were the talk of the Central Division. These were only six hour affairs with banquet, entertainment and prizes, but we had an attendance of from 300 to 500 with many of the hams coming distances of 400 miles. In the Fall of 1940 we ran the Central Division Convention. We were affiliated with the Chicago Area Radio Club Council for over five years and the writer was on the Committees of the 1936 Central Division and the 1938 National ~~Convention~~ Conventions, both at Chicago.

One man from Headquarters knew us well, and that was our old friend, Mr. A. H. Hebert, former treasurer and Field representative of the ARRL. If "AH" would be alive he could regale your ears with stories of the good times he had in Milwaukee and how he always looked forward to his visits to the MRAC.

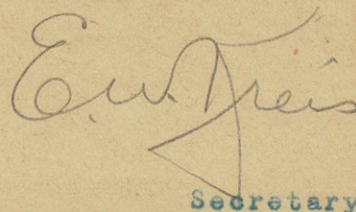
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Now with our ranks greatly depleted the old timers are carrying on until the Boys get back. We have a very active WERS set up which is unique in various ways. We issue a monthly bulletin for our Boys away from home, of which two copies are sent to Headquarters. We have had splendid response to this bulletin. Several hundred letters and cards have been received. We sent out 85 copies in October and since the bulletin's inception we have received acknowledgments from 76 individuals from all over the world.

All the foregoing is mentioned with the thought that you may wish to give us a little write-up in QST, if you can spare the space.

So with the kindest personal wishes and 73 from the members of the MRAC, I remain

Yours truly

  
Secretary

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